Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 14 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 15 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 14 Jan 2023 at 04:15 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled conditions with rain or showers at times, falling as snow on higher ground at first and to lower levels from Sunday. Lower for detail.

Headline for Saturday 14 Jan 2023: Unsettled with showers or even longer spells of snow with rain at lower levels. A few sunny breaks.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 14 Jan 2023

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
80%	40%	30%	30%	50%	50%

Forecast for Saturday 14 Jan 2023

Weather: Cloud with periods of rain and hill snow clear slowly northeast during the morning. A brief window of brighter conditions with sunny intervals will then follow to the north and east but more cloud and snow showers with rain at lower levels soon returning to Skye and Lochalsh. Then the band of rain and snow sitting off the north coast will extend back south in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil in the band of rain and snow, 80% across central and southern parts.

Low cloud and visibility: A band of extensive cloud will accompany the rain and hill snow with base 600-800m, falling to 500m in rain and snow. Away from this rain band showers will be accompanied by broken cloud with 600-800m base, lowering in any showers. The visibility will remain good out of the cloud but will fall poor in rain or snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	32/37 SE	30/34 S	24/29 SE	13/18 E	20/24 NW	28/35 N	38/47 N
900	30/35 SE	27/31 S	22/26 SE	13/18 E	18/22 NW	25/32 N	35/44 N
600	22/27 S	18/23 S	17/21 SE	10/16 E	11/16 N	19/26 N	24/33 N
300	3/23 SE	2/18 S	2/17 SE	8/14 NE	6/19 N	4/25 N	6/33 N
Glen	13/26 SE	6/15 SE	10/20 SE	10/16 E	7/15 N	9/23 N	13/32 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-12	-3/-12	-3/-11	-3/-9	-4/-11	-3/-12	-3/-13
900	-2/-10	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-8	-3/-10	-2/-10	-2/-12
600	0/-7	0/-6	-0/-6	-0/-5	-1/-6	-0/-7	-0/-7
300	2/-0	1/-1	1/-1	1/-2	1/-2	0/-2	2/-1
Glen	4/-0	3/1	3/-1	4/1	3/1	3/-1	4/0
Freezing Level*	600m	500m	500m	500m	400m	400m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add.

Forecast for Sunday 15 Jan 2023
Weather: Early cloud and showers clear towards dawn. This leaves a mostly dry day with bright or sunny spells, cloud will however thicken in the west and north as snow showers spread east from the evening.

Maximum wind: North 25-30mph gust 40mph decreasing north or northeast 5-10mph later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%.

Low cloud and visibility: Much or the day will see patchy cloud with base 700-900m, this cloud becomes extensive with the cloud lowering 400-500m in any showers. The visibility will be good, lowering to poor in any showers and very poor in any snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising plus 5 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 200m.

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